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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants respectfully request preliminary amendment of the above-identified application to convert the claims and Specification from its European format to conform the application to U.S. requirements.